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FIRST CHAPTER

ARMED FORCES

ARMY

1. - Organization and Location of Units

a). Infantry Battalion stationed in Biliشت.

An Inf. battalion(identity and conv. No unknown) is stationed in Biliشت, which is under the Army Unit of Korce

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Location: To the Army barracks located S.W. of Biliشت, on the E. side of the road leading from Biliشت to KRISTALOPIGI.

Armament:

-Soviet rifles 7,62 mm, type M-1891/30.

-Soviet light machine guns, 7,62 mm. type D.P. (Dektiresh)

-Soviet heavy machine guns, 7,62 mm, type MAXIM M-1910.

-Soviet pistols

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-Soviet Mortars, 82 and 107 mm

-Two Soviet A/A guns, 12,7 mm, type M1 ASHK, M-1938, for the anti-Aircraft protection of the barracks.

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-A/T guns

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Transportation Facilities

-One American JEEP.

-About 120-150 miles and horses.

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Strength~~SECRET~~

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the strength of the battalion in officers and men

is as follows:

Before the initial dismissal of 9000 and the second of 6000 officers and NCOs, discharged from the service lately, the battalion had a strength of about 100 officers. After the said reduction in force the number of officers serving ~~in~~ with the battalion was decreased to 40.

The battalion had a strength of 350 men (approximately).

Training

The men of the battalion were trained every day.

Commander

Since 1955, commander of the battalion is a Cpt A¹ named Nazif (Inu) from the village of POLOSKE. Before him, commander of the battalion was a (Lt Col.) named Lulo ~~SKENDO~~.

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2. - Recruiting Servicea). The Strength of the Albanian Armed Forces and Security Forces has been reduced.

Late in April 1956

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were released 6000 to 7000

officers and NCOs of the Army and the Security Forces. The a/m dismissal of personnel has nothing to do with the 9000 men discharged in previous date.

3. - Military Installationsa). Army Barracks of BILISHT

Location: Subject barracks are located S.W. of BILISHT and on the E. side of the road leading from BILISHT to KRISTALOPIGI.

Description: The barracks of BILISHT consist of the following 7 buildings:

Out of them, three are similar, stone-constructed, single-story, with arched-

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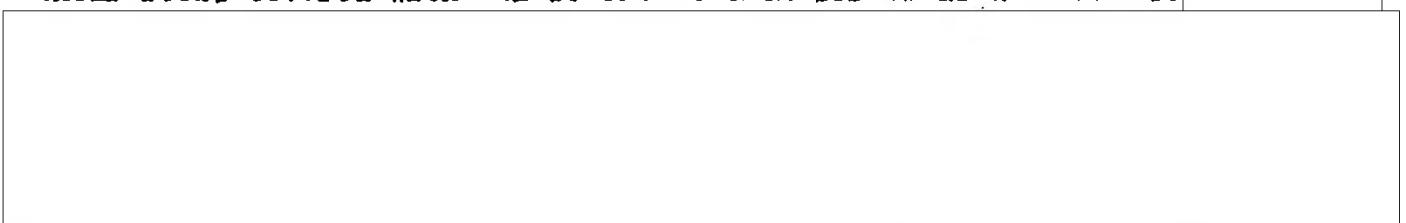
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roof covered with tiles; [redacted] the Italians. In these buildings are lodged the men of the Inf. battalion. 25X1

The fourth building is constructed with ~~888~~ stones, and its roof is covered with tiles; it is a two story building constructed in Zog's period. In this one are stationed the workshops of the battalion(shoe-maker's shop, ^{25X1} tailor's shop, etc). 25X1

The remaining 3 buildings are single-story, with different dimensions, having their roofs covered with tiles. One of them serves as a cookhouse [redacted]



At a distance of 300 m. from the c/m barracks, within the area of the barracks which is surrounded with a wire-fence, there is the church of AGIA PARASKEVI and a small building located nearby the church. The latter is used as an ammunitions depot.

Water

Water is received from springs located in the area of the barracks.

Light

Electricity is available from the Electricity Producing Factory of Biliشت.

Security measures(Guards)

The side of the camp located towards the road is closed with a brick-made wall about 1,90 m. high. The other three sides of the camp are surrounded with barbed-wire fence about ~~1,50~~ 1,50 m. high. In day time the camp is guarded by a sentry assigned to the gate which is located to the side of the camp facing the road. Within the area of the barracks there are two Soviet A/A guns, 12,7 mm, type M1, DShK, N-1930. [redacted]

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v). Ammunition Depots of the Battalion stationed in Bilesh.

Within the area of the barracks of Bilesh there is a cemetery and the church of AGIA PARASKEVI; nearby the church there is a small house. These buildings are both used as ammunition depots. In day time they are guarded by a soldier of the battalion.

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SECOND CHAPTER

FORCES OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

BORDER GUARD SERVICE

1. Organization and Location of Units

a). Border Guard Battalion stationed in Bilišt

The HQs of the Border Guard Battalion are stationed in Bilišt, in the house of Pandi DUMA, which is located at the Southern end of the street leading to the motor-road KRISTALOPIGI - KORCE (DK-990976). The coys of the battalion are distributed as follows:

One Coy in RAKICKE (DL-984071), one in KAPESHTICE (EK-012950) and another in BBOZNIKGRAD (DK-904845). The battalion is responsible for the sector of the border extending from the lake PRESPA E MADHE(Area of CERJE) to the area of NIKOLICE.

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Armament

The battalion was equipped with German armament until 1955

In 1955 the German armament was replaced with Soviet equipment as follows:

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-Soviet Rifles, 7,62mm, type M-1891/30.

-Soviet sub-machine guns, 7,62 mm, type P.P.S.H. 1941.

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Transportation facilities

The Battalion has a Soviet truck, type GAZ-51, and a vehicle for passengers slightly bigger than a jeep(type unknown). The latter is assigned to the Commander of the battalion.

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~~SECRET~~Training

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The troops of the battalion, except the gymnastics each morning, did not attend any other training.

Organization

The battalion has:

Staff-office, and 3 coys of riflemen

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b). Border Posts

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Post of NIKOLICE(DK-834804), located 500 m. from the village, towards the ~~area~~ border line

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-Post of AREZE(DK-868830): In winter time is stationed in the village; in summer moves close to the border.

-Post of QYTEZE(DK-9183): In winter time is stationed in the village, in summer moves close to the border; strength unknown.

-Post of BOZHIGRAD(DK-904845): ~~was stationed in~~ Stationed in the village always.

-In the same village is stationed a coy of the Border Battalion; strength unknown.

-Post of BRNCANI(DK-9829): Located 300 m. from the border line; "

-Another post is located at the S.W. end of the village KAPESHTICE(DK-012950).

The men of this post are lodged in an ex-depot of the customs-house which is located by the road leading from KAPESHTICE to KRISTALOPIGI; strength unknown.

SECURITY FORCES AND SPECIAL UNITS2. - State Policea). Police Office of Biliشت

in Biliشت there was a Po

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co Office which had a strength of 4 officers and about 30 men. In the same building was stationed the Section of Interior (Sigurimi).

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THIRD CHAPTERINTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATIONSTATE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION1. - Administrative Division of the Countrya). Administrative Division of the Prefecture of Korca

The prefecture of Korca is divided into the following sub-prefectures:

-Sub-prefectures of BILISHT, POGRJDEC, LESHKOVIQ, and ERSEKE.

In every one of the a/m sub-prefectures which are called Rrethi, there is a Rrethi Executive Committee and a C.P. Committee which are subordinate to the Qark (Prefecture) Committees of Korca

2. - Educationa). Elementary school of Bilisht

In Bilisht there is an a school which has seven grades(elementary and Unike).

This school is for the children of Bilisht and the pupils of the villages VERNIK, POLOSKE, NUC, and KAPESHTICE, who have graduated the elementary school of their village. The school of Bilisht had about 500 pupils, and 13 school-masters. The inhabitants of bilisht are obliged to attend the a/m school.

3. - Church

[redacted] out of the 2.500 inhabitants of Bilisht, 600 are Christians(Orth.) and the rest of them are Moslems. The Christians have their own church and a priest from KOSHORJON-Florina (Informant does not know his name). The Christian Church is called SHEN-THAIAS. They had another church called AGIA PARMASKEVI, but since 1949 it is used as an Army depot. The religious service is performed regularly. The Moslem Mosque is in bad condition and it has not been used since 1954; the Moslems have their priest(Moshe).

~~SECRET~~4. - Social Welfarea). HospitalsGovernment Hospital in Bilesh

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In the center of Bilesh there is a government-operated hospital which has 28 beds. This house belonged to a ~~private~~ civilian named Latif CAKE. The personnel of the hospital consists of a doctor named Ali Baba ~~ALI~~ from KOSTIVAR (Yugoslavia), 4 male ~~staff~~ and 2 female nurses. The medical examination is free for the public. The treatment in the hospital is free for people working in government operated activities only; The other people are required to pay 60 lek for each day in the hospital.

PARTY ACTIVITIES5. - Organization of the Communist Partya). Organization of the Village BileshExecutive Committee for the Sub-prefecture (Preth) of Bilesh.

The Executive Committee for the Preth of Bilesh includes the following offices and sections:

a). Office of the president of the committee, b). Office of the vice-president, c). Secretariate, d). Planning office, e). Budget and fiscal, f). Trade, g). Labor office, h). Education and public health, i). Taxation office, j). Civil Affairs office (Zjendje Civilie).

-President of the Committee: ~~X~~ Koci (Inu), from SINICE.

-Vice-President: Sadik ~~X~~ AGOLLI, from PRGGER.

-Secretary: Muhamet ~~X~~ JULLAJ, from BITINKE.

-Chief of the Planning Section: Jorgaq ~~X~~ Apostoli, from Bilesh.

- " " " Budget & fiscal, and trade: Emin ~~X~~ UCI, from VZONE (ex-president)

- " " " Labor office: Avdul Shyqri ~~X~~ ZAKA, from BRACAN.

- " " " Taxation office: Kristo ~~X~~ ANDRIKO, from VENIK.

- " " " Education and Public Health: Bajram ~~X~~ SIREIDI, from BRACAN.

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-Chief of the Civil Affairs

ection: Hiqmet XHACI, from BILISHT 25X1

C.P. Committee for the Rebirth of BILISHT

Second Secretary: Shofqet Hilmi XIFO, from POLOSKE.

Organization Baze

-Secretary: Ahmet XAKERI.

-Asst-Secretary: Enver 'Ali XANE.

-Members: Informant does not know any.

Organization of the Democratic Front

-Responsible: Mekhitali XUSI.

Secretary: Aboli Shyqyri XORA.

Members: Everybody, except the kulaks and the enemies of the People.

People's Commissar: Tilla DUXHAKU.

People's Council

Chairman: Shofqet Sali XAGO.

Secretary: Janni Vasil XARANKIA.

Members: Mazar Qazim XEMA.

Dhimitri Larbi XULIA.

Aboli Shyqyri XORA.

Enver Ali XANE.

Ramadan Ahmet XAKERI.

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6. - Morale of the People

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[redacted] the morale of the people is very low because of the terrorism and the economic misery. Due to the a/m reasons the majority of the Albanian People are displeased with the Communist Regime and wish for their liberation.

FOURTH CHAPTERECONOMIC SITUATIONECONOMY1. - Food Suppliesa). Inefficiency of Supplies

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[redacted] In Albania there is great scarcity of olive oil, soap, coffee, meat, clothing and shoes.

b). Cost of first necessity items

-Wheat:	70	lek	per	kg	-Cooking oil:	230	lek	per	kg
-Maize:	55	"	"	"	-Sugar:	200	"	"	"
-Rice:	130	"	"	"	-Meat:	120	"	"	"
-Butter:	450	"	"	"	-Eggs:	8	"	each	

-A shirt(rather good quality) costs 1500 lek.

-A suit of clothes costs 13000 lek.

-A pair of shoes(good quality) cost 3500 lek.

These are free market prices.

c). Abolition of the ration-cards for clothing

The ration-cards for clothing have been abolished since early in Jan. 1956.

Clothing is available in the free market.

FIFTH CHAPTERCOMMUNICATIONS1. - Vehicles

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a). Communication between Bili

the transportation between Bilishit and Korco is carried out by 2 buses. Both of them are of Czech. make; one type PRAGA and the other SKODA. The first is a 23-seats bus;

The bus leaves from Bilishit at 1000 o'clock and arrives in Korco at 1115 hrs.

The ticket costs 35 lek.

IMPORTANT TECHNICAL CONSTRUCTIONS

2. Hydro-electric Stationsa). Hydro-electric station in Bilishit.

Bilishit is supplied with electricity from a hydro-electric station which was built in 1947. It was built with government funds.

SIXTH CHAPTER

GEOPGRAPHIC SITUATION

1. Info concerning towns and villagesa). Villages of Bilishit

Subject village has about 500 families and a total of 2.500 inhabitants.

About 600 of them are Christians and the rest Moslems.

Electricity is supplied from the hydro-electric station; water is received from fountains.

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